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## ANTI-AIRCRAFT SHELL MANUFACTURING PLANT

2. [redacted] west of Aleksin. there was a large manufacturing plant. This plant was making anti-aircraft ammunition. Among the buildings here were a power plant, a foundry, machine shop, etc. From the power station [redacted] see large electrical power lines run off, out of sight, to the southeast. One building appeared to be a chemical plant, which gave off heavy dark-brown fumes all day. There were a number of large tanks that might have stored gas. As the Germans approached, these had been dismantled, and [redacted] required to reassemble them.
3. To the west of the manufacturing plant, there were a number of anti-aircraft guns, where the ammunition was tested. These guns were fired northward into a huge earthen embankment. Farther north of this embankment, were two large buildings, running east and west, which appeared to be largely underground. North of the power station, there was a large building labeled "Object U" in which the ammunition was made. [redacted] east of the building "Object U" constructed a large crescent-shaped embankment similar to a dam which might have been another backstop for testing shells. Most of the machinery in the building [redacted] appeared to be of US-make.
4. This entire manufacturing plant was enclosed by a high wooden fence, with sentry boxes. Each building inside was similarly enclosed by a fence. There were a number of railway sidings inside the enclosure.

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ROADS AND RAILWAYS.

5. Through this area, there were the following roads and railways:
- (a) There is a railroad running from Kaluga to Tula, which is wide gauge and double-tracked.
  - (b) The highway from Kaluga to Medyn is a good hard-surfaced road.
  - (c) The highway running southwest from Moscow through Roslavl is hard-surfaced, but during spring and fall, it is under water and unusable at these times. The travelled part of the highway is 20 to 22 feet wide, with shoulders approximately six feet wide.

TERRAIN

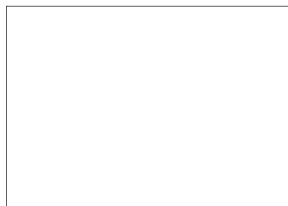
6. The land to the west of the railroad running from Kaluga through Kondroya and Myatievo is marshy and impassable. In the German army, these maps had been based on Soviet maps that had been let fall deliberately into German hands.
7. The Oka River in this vicinity often changed its course, owing to the swampy land through which it flows, so that bridges used here were supported by floats and could be moved when necessary.

STEEL, TANK, AND CANNON MANUFACTURE

7. It was common talk that at Tula, the USSR had one of its largest steel mills, and that large cannon and tanks were being manufactured there.

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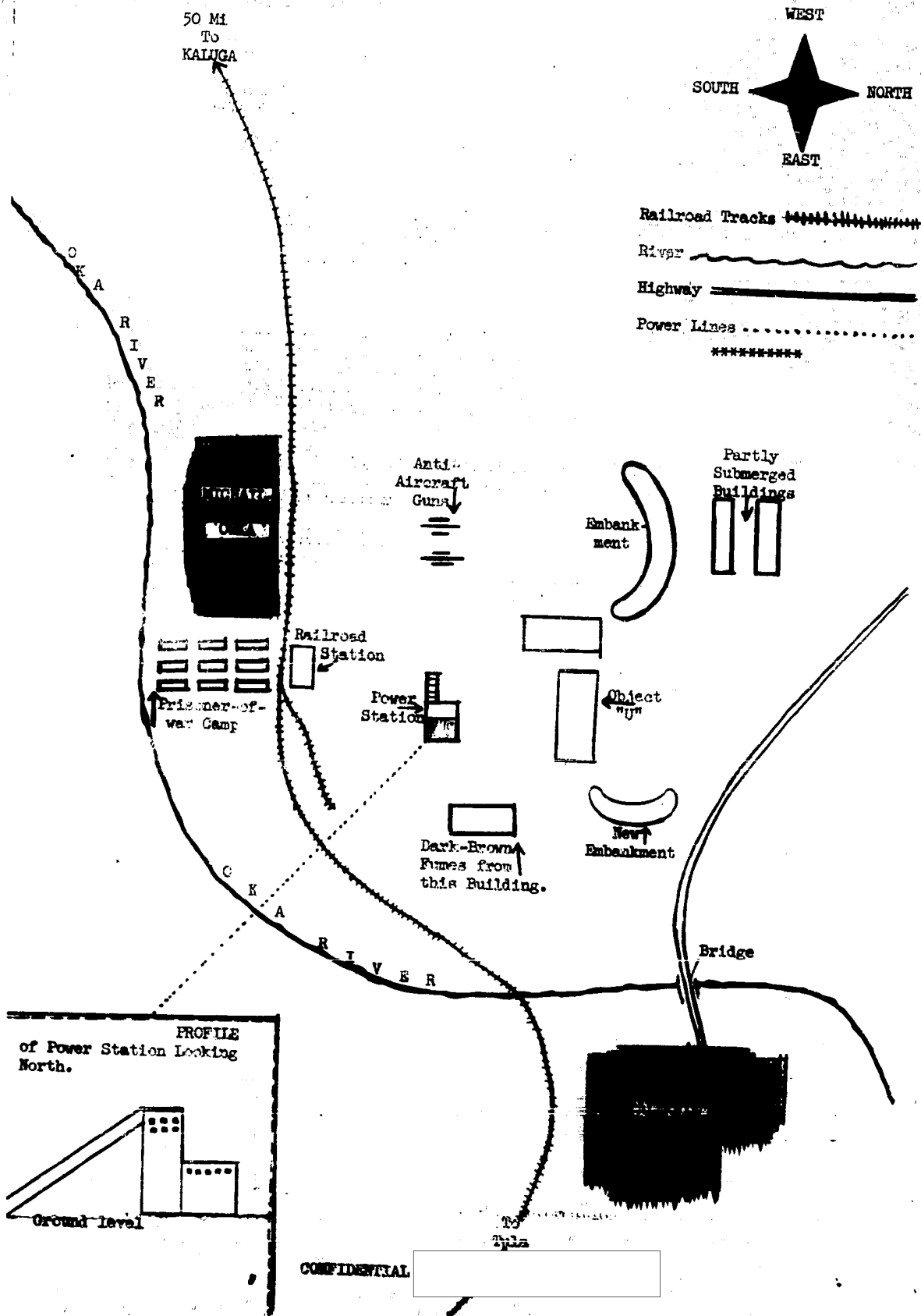
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